





ORDERS

BY THE

LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE
PRIVY COUNCIL,

20TH DAY OF JULY, 1866,

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS GIVEN BY

THE DISEASES PREVENTION ACT, 1855, AND THE AMENDING ACT.

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AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WHITEHALL,

The 20th day of July, 1866.

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HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL.

PRESENT :

LORD PRESIDENT.

MR. SECRETARY WALPOLE.

MR. CORRY.

SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, BART.

MR. GATHORNE HARDY.

WHEREAS the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, by an Order made the 14th day of July instant, in exercise of the powers given by the "Diseases Prevention Act, 1855," and the Amending Act of the 23rd and 24th years of Her Majesty, chap. 77, did order and direct that the provisions contained in the said Acts for the prevention of diseases should, from and after the date of that Order, be put in force within the whole and every part of England :

And whereas the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council have thought fit under the authority con-

ferred upon them by the said first cited Act and all other Acts in such behalf to issue certain directions and regulations, to be in force in all Unions and Parishes of England not within the Metropolis, and in all parts and arms of the sea lying within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, so long as the provisions aforesaid shall be in force under the said Order :

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the above-named Acts, the Lords of the Council order, and it is hereby ordered as follows, that is to say :

I.—*Preliminary.*

Preliminary
arrangements.

Forthwith on the issuing of the present Regulations, the Clerk of every Board of Guardians shall summon a special meeting of the Board, in order that the present Regulations may be brought before them, and that the Board may make (as they are hereby required to do) such preliminary arrangements as will enable them, if sudden need shall arise, to carry the following regulations into immediate effect ; and the Board at such meeting shall direct the Clerk, by instructions to the Medical Officers, and by circular letters of request

addressed to all legally qualified Medical Practitioners in the Union or Parish, and in such other ways as the Board may think necessary, to take measures for causing the Board to be made acquainted with any presence of Cholera or unusual amount or severity of Diarrhœa in the Union or Parish, or any part of it, if such be existing or should thereafter exist: and the Board if apprised of any such presence of Cholera or Diarrhœa shall thereupon forthwith, so far as the circumstances require, do the several things hereinafter ordered.

II.—*When Cholera is in an Union or Parish.*

1. Every Board shall make arrangements for meeting, in districts where the disease is actually prevailing, daily, either in a body or in one or more Committees, according to the exigencies of the district, for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred upon them by the Act. Meetings of the Local Authority.

2. The meetings may be held at the ordinary board-room, and where necessary, at such other places as shall appear to be most convenient for dealing with the disease, and the Board shall cause proper minutes of all proceedings to be made and duly recorded. Place of Meeting.

Appointment of
Medical Adviser.

3. Where the Union or Parish forms part of any town of more than 60,000 inhabitants, or contains a town of more than 40,000 inhabitants, according to the report upon the last Census, or where several parts of the Union or Parish are at one time suffering from Cholera, the Board shall appoint some legally qualified Medical Practitioner, to attend at the meetings and render his advice thereat and superintend all the medical arrangements for preventing and treating the disease.

Appointment of
Medical Visitors.

4. In each district in which Cholera is present, or, if the quantity of work to be done renders it desirable to subdivide the district, then in each of such subdivisions, a legally qualified Medical Practitioner shall be put in charge of the district or subdivision for the medical purposes of these Regulations; and to each such Medical Practitioner shall be allotted all needful Medical Assistants and such other Assistants as the Board see fit.

Such District Medical Practitioner, or one of his Assistants, shall at least once daily visit those parts of the district which are inhabited by the poorer classes and wherein the disease is, and shall there inquire at every house as to the existence of Diarrhœa or Cholera, and shall enter in a book to be kept for the purpose the facts as to all cases he

may meet with, and shall without delay give, or take the proper steps for causing to be given, all necessary medical assistance to the sick. And the Medical Practitioner or Assistant shall, when visiting the part assigned to him, be provided with medicines for immediate administration in urgent cases, and shall be held to be in medical charge of all cases of Diarrhoea or Cholera with which he may meet until he is relieved by such other provision for their medical attendance as may be made or sanctioned by the Board.

5. Such Medical Practitioner shall, by trans-^{Their report.}mitting his above-required book, or otherwise, report daily to the Board of Guardians, or to the Committee of the district for which he acts, the result of his own and his Assistants' inquiries, and shall make such suggestions as to the state of the district as he shall deem advisable.

6. In places where the Board of Guardians are^{Board to report nuisances.} not the Nuisances Removal Authority, the Board shall, without delay, cause report to be made to such Authority, and, if the Board see fit, shall complain to the Justices, of every case where any Committee, Medical Practitioner or Assistant, employed by the Board, shall find any nuisance

injurious to health existing in any premises visited by them.

Visitors to report cases of destitution to the Relieving Officer.

7. The Visitors shall, where they find it expedient, communicate to the Relieving Officer of the district any case of destitution requiring relief, which is not entered in his relief list, and such Officer shall forthwith visit the same and give such relief as in his judgment the case shall require.

Board to provide dispensary stations.

8. The Board shall provide a sufficient number of Dispensaries, to be open night and day, at convenient places within their district, with an adequate supply of such medicines, medical appliances and disinfectants, as their medical adviser shall recommend, and with a legally qualified Medical Practitioner or skilled Assistant always in attendance at each; and such medicines, medical appliances and disinfectants, shall be dispensed without charge by such Medical Practitioner or Assistant to persons bringing orders for the same from the District Medical Practitioners and to other persons who apply for immediate medical treatment. And the names and addresses of all such applicants shall be sent to the District Medical Practitioner of the place in which they reside.

9. In every case of Cholera or Diarrhœa, where the patient is not under medical care and treatment, the Board shall cause medical assistance to be rendered with the utmost expedition, and such aid and comfort, nourishment and accommodation, as the circumstances of the case will admit, with the object of restoring health.

Board to supply medical aid to poor Cholera patients.

10. The Board shall provide competent Nurses to aid every District Medical Practitioner in his attendance upon the patients suffering from the disease.

To provide nurses.

11. When the Medical Adviser recommends, the Board shall, with as much despatch as practicable, provide fit and proper accommodation for the reception of such patients as have no home, or cannot properly be treated at home, and may with advantage to themselves be removed, and shall cause the same to be provided with all appliances, medicines, furniture, and other things necessary for the emergency, and shall appoint a legally qualified Medical Practitioner, with or without Assistant, as the case may require, to attend to the same.

To provide hospitals in certain cases.

12. If Cholera or Choleraic Diarrhœa exist in any dwelling whereof the Medical Practitioner

To provide for the separation of the sick from the

healthy in the
same dwelling.

reports that the sick and healthy cannot therein be properly separated, the Board shall forthwith cause adequate accommodation to be procured for the reception of the healthy; and, when the Medical Practitioner recommends that the sick person shall not be removed, but that the healthy shall be removed, from the same room in which the sick person is lying, the Board shall cause the other inmates of such room to be removed to some convenient place of reception.

To provide disinfectants and to cause things and places to be disinfected.

13. The Board shall, in dwellings where Cholera or Diarrhœa exists, cause proper disinfectants to be used in sufficient quantities for the purpose of disinfecting the discharges from the sick, and the bedding, clothing, and other things thereby infected, and the utensils and privies in which such discharges may have been received.

To cause infected goods to be destroyed.

14. The Board shall cause every article of clothing, bedding, or furniture which shall have been infected with any such discharge, and which they shall find incapable of being speedily disinfected, to be forthwith destroyed, the Board within a reasonable time replacing all such articles, or paying the reasonable value to the owner.

15. If it be shown to the Board that any drinking-water used in their district is polluted, they shall take measures, with as much expedition as possible, for procuring wholesome water to be supplied in its stead, so far as the case requires, to the inmates of the houses in their district, and for preventing, as far as possible, the further use of the polluted water. And every Board owning or having possession of any waterworks for the supply of water shall cause the reservoirs, cisterns, pipes, pumps and other apparatus belonging thereto, to be carefully examined, cleansed and purified, and other necessary measures to be taken, so that the water may be supplied without impurity.

To procure good water in place of that which is polluted.

16. The Board shall make due arrangements with undertakers and with the proper authorities of the churchyards, burial-grounds, and cemeteries of their district, so that coffins may be ready to be supplied immediately on demand and interments speedily take place in the cases of death arising from Cholera or Diarrhoea, and the Board shall, when informed of any such death, cause the corpse to be buried with the earliest possible despatch.

Provision for burials.

17. Where any death shall occur from Cholera or Choleraic Diarrhoea, no collection of persons shall

Assemblage of persons at waking the dead prohibited.

assemble in the room where the corpse is, and no waking of the dead shall be allowed.

Corpses to be kept separate from the living.

18. The Board shall cause the immediate removal, from any room which living persons inhabit, of the corpse of every person dying from Cholera or Choleraic Diarrhœa, until the time of its interment, and shall cause such means to be adopted for preventing the spread of infection from the corpse as their Medical Adviser shall recommend.

Guardians to take precautions as to ships and vessels lying within their Union or Parish.

19. If the Guardians shall be informed that Cholera or Choleraic Diarrhœa exists, or within three days previously has existed, in any Ship or Vessel which may be lying within their Union or Parish, they shall cause the same to be forthwith visited, inspected, and otherwise dealt with, according to the circumstances of the case, in like manner as if it were an inhabited house on shore, and shall give all such medical and other directions in reference to the persons in such Vessel or Ship, as shall be requisite for preventing the spread of the disease, and for the disinfection or disposal of any things which may be infected or may have been exposed to infection, subject always to the provisions of any Order of Council issued under the

Quarantine Laws for the time being in force in such Union or Parish.

20. The captain, master, or other officer in charge of any ship or vessel lying in any part or arm of the sea within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, but not comprised within any Union or Parish, in which ship or vessel any case of Cholera or Choleraic Diarrhœa exists, or within three days previously has existed, shall obey every direction in writing addressed to him by the Guardians of the nearest Union or Parish signed by their Chairman or Clerk, in reference to the Medical and other treatment of the sick and other persons on board, with the view of preventing the spread of the disease, or to the disposal of the body of any person dead of the disease, or to the disinfection and disposal of the things infected with the disease, or otherwise to the removal of any unhealthy condition of the ship or vessel.

Provision for ships or vessels in parts or arms of the sea having Cholera on board.

21. The Clerk of the Board shall every Monday send by post to the Medical Officer of the Privy Council, a Return of the number of new cases of Diarrhœa or Cholera which have, during the week ended on Saturday midnight last, come under the cognisance of the Board, and of the number of

Statistical returns to be obtained.

recoveries, and the number of deaths, with such other particulars as such Medical Officer shall from time to time require. The Return shall be in the following Form, or to the like effect:—

_____ *Union or Parish.*

*Weekly Return of Cases of Cholera or Diarrhœa for
the Week ending on Saturday last.*

NEW ATTACKS during the Week	-	-	-
DEATHS during the Week	-	-	-
RECOVERED during the Week	-	-	-
Total number of Cases NOW UNDER			
TREATMENT	-	-	-

Date _____ 1866.

(Signed) _____ *Clerk to the Board.*

Board to publish
notices.

22. The Board shall, from time to time, as they shall find expedient, issue, publish and distribute in placards, handbills or other communications, such admonitory notices to the owners and occupiers of property within their district as to the provisions of the Acts for the Removal of Nuisances as shall appear to be requisite, and in a like manner publish all such medical advice and such directions

and instructions as in their judgment shall be necessary to afford aid to persons attacked with Cholera or Diarrhœa, or for the carrying of these Regulations into execution, and inform the public what special arrangements have been made for affording medical or other assistance in the district.

23. All Officers, Assistants, and Servants of the Board are ordered, and all Medical Practitioners and other persons inhabiting within the district of the Board are requested, to supply information and give their aid to the utmost of their ability to the Board in the execution of these regulations and directions.

General Order
and exhortation
for aid to the
Board.

24. In Parishes and Townships not comprised in a Union or under a separate Board of Guardians, the Clerk, Governor, or the Overseers, as the case may be, shall, so far as they can according to the extent and circumstances of their Parish or Township, carry the foregoing Regulations into execution.

Provision for
Parishes not in
Union or under
a Board of
Guardians.

25. The word "Union," as used herein, shall be taken to include not only a Union of Parishes formed under the provisions of an Act passed in

Interpretation
Clause.

the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled "An Act for the Amendment and better Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor in England and Wales," but also any Union of Parishes incorporated or united for the relief or maintenance of the poor under any Local Act of Parliament.

And the word "Guardians," as used herein, shall be taken to include not only Guardians appointed or entitled to act under the provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, but also any Governors, Directors, Managers, or Acting Guardians entitled to act in the ordering of relief to the poor from the Poor Rates under any Local Act of Parliament.

ARTHUR HELPS.



